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**Group Art Unit:**

**Applicant:** Weber et al.

**Serial No:**

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**Title:** Power Seat Track Having a Flexible Support Assembly for a Lead Screw

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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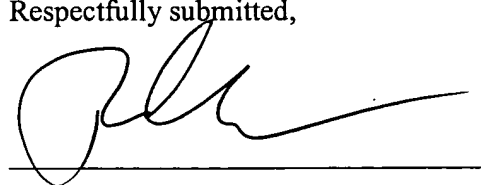
Dear Sir:

This statement and Form PTO-1449 are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98(a) as a means of complying with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 with respect to the above-captioned patent application.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Information Disclosure Statement or patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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| In Re Application Of:    Weber et al.   |                         |          |                       |                |                            |  |
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